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Special Libraries Association could not be secured in this matter.

MEMBER: I will take the matter up with the Special Libraries Association, and I am very sure they will adopt it.

Mr. GODARD: I am sure we have all enjoyed the papers which have been presented at this meeting, and I am sure we all appreciate the labor which has been bestowed on them by those who have pre-

pared them. I move that a hearty vote of thanks, signified by rising, be extended to those who have so ably instructed us by their papers this evening.

(The motion being seconded, a rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Johnston and Miss Strange, and the motion unanimously adopted.)

A motion to adjourn being seconded and agreed to, the meeting adjourned.)

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

The eleventh annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries held June 27-29, at Asbury Park, was one of the most successful and enjoyable in its history. Two separate meetings and two joint sessions with the National Association of State Libraries gave ample opportunity for papers and discussions of mutual interest.

President E. J. Lien, in his address touched briefly upon three topics of current interest; the present activity in the gathering of literature on the subject of administrative law; the increasing use of legal periodicals made possible by the publication of the "Index to legal periodicals and the desirability of a check-list to legal periodicals: advance opinions of supreme courts and how they may be obtained."

Mr. F. C. Hicks, law librarian of Columbia University, read a paper on "Instruction in legal bibliography at Columbia University Law school." This was followed by a similar paper by Mr. Frederick W. Schenk, law librarian of the University of Chicago. The discussion of these papers resulted in the appointment of a committee which will urge that courses of instruction in the use of law books and tools be made a part of every law school program.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer showed a prosperous condition of the Association and gave assurance of a vigorous continuance of its work.

A most interesting paper on "Problems of statutory indexing" prepared by Mrs.

Agnes McNamara Munson to follow her article on the same subject, printed in the April "Law library journal," was read by her husband, Mr. F. Granville Munson. It was peculiarly valuable in that Mrs. Munson was engaged in the preparation of the Index to Federal Statutes and the Index to New York Statutes, two of the most extensive statutory indexes attempted. Mrs. Munson was considered an expert in this special line and her recent death has removed a leading authority on the subject.

The report of the Committee on legal bibliography was devoted principally to the Official Index to State Legislation which has been promoted during 1915 and which both associations are strenuously attempting to place on a permanent footing. It is an unusual undertaking and deserving of enthusiastic support. The proposed bibliography of session laws and statutes, which it is hoped will be undertaken in the near future by Mr. T. L. Cole, who has expressed his willingness to put into permanent form such information as he has been able to accumulate during his busy life in the field of American statute law, was strongly advocated, especially as the Carnegie Institution has shown an interest in its publication.

The report of Chairman T. L. Cole on "Symbols to indicate pagination of books" will be issued in pamphlet form for use of librarians interested in statute law.

A paper by Frank E. Chipman, president of the Boston Book Company, on "Austra-

lian law reports, official and otherwise," is a valuable contribution to the bibliography of foreign law.

At the joint sessions were read the following papers: "Economic conditions of the twentieth century," Dr. Clinton R. Woodruff, secretary National Municipal League, Philadelphia; "The library of the Bureau of Railway Economics in its inter-library relations," R. H. Johnston, librarian; "Library by-products," Miss Joanna G. Strange, New York Public Library.

The following officers were elected to serve during the year 1916-1917:

President, Luther E. Hewitt, Law Association of Philadelphia.

First Vice-President, J. C. Robertson, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Second Vice-President, Miss Mary K. Ray, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Secretary, Miss Gertrude Elstner Woodard, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Treasurer, Edward H. Redstone, Social Law Library, Boston, Mass.

Executive Committee: Gilson G. Glazier, Madison, Wisc.; George S. Godard, Hartford, Conn.; C. Will Shaffer, Olympia, Wash.

The Association passed resolutions of appreciation of the work of the officers of the American Library Association and of the local committees which made its sessions not only profitable and successful but extremely enjoyable as well.

Full proceedings will appear in the "Law library journal."

## SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

### FIRST SESSION

The eighth annual meeting of the Special Libraries Association was called to order by the president, Andrew Linn Bostwick, in the Palm Room of the New Monterey hotel, Asbury Park, N. J., June 28, at 9:30 a. m. President Bostwick made a few introductory remarks and gave a very interesting résumé of the activities of the Association during the past year, making special mention of work of the membership committee and the efforts of the Executive Board to devise a practical scheme for the publication of the magazine "Special libraries" without expense to the managing editor. The report of the membership committee and the discussion of the publication of "Special libraries" was continued to the regular business session.

Owing to the absence of Mr. D. C. Buell of Omaha his paper entitled "Sources of information for the business man" was read by Mr. Samuel H. Ranck, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dr. C. C. Williamson, Municipal Reference Library of New York City, presented

a paper entitled "Public officials and the special library."

This was followed by a brief discussion of a printed paper on the subject "Standardization of a library unit system," by George W. Lee, librarian, Stone and Webster, Boston.

After informal discussion from the floor Miss Rhea King, librarian of the Retail Credit Co., of Atlanta, Georgia, read a very interesting paper entitled "The system used by the Retail Credit Co. to develop employees."

"The Editorial office—a new field for librarians" was the title of a talk given by Miss Renée B. Stern, of the Mothers' Magazine, Elgin, Illinois.

In the absence of Dr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, chairman of the Committee on a national center for municipal information, the report of the Committee was read by President Bostwick and action deferred until the final business session.

At the close of these papers the president announced the appointment of the following committees: